



**Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
December 3, 2012
7:00pm**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on December 3, 2012 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Beth Staab, Barry Baker, Jeff Gibbons, and Terry Wilson. Also in attendance was Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

II. Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2012

Staff received prior corrections from Terry Wilson and they are included in the minutes presented at the meeting. Beth Staab made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 23, 2012 and Terry Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

V. Old Business

Shirts for the Committee Update

Shirts were received and handed out to the Committee members. The Committee was very happy with the shirts, and feel they will provide a more professional look during events and presentations.

Bike Trail/Walking Routes Update

Barry Baker will bring his laptop to the next meeting for use in mapping out the trails. Barry Baker asked if the Township has a parcel map. Stacy Crandell will check with Bruce Shoupe and find out whether a map is available. Staff will have a projector available at the next meeting in January.

Green Tip of the Month & Permission to Use Website

Beth Staab will follow up with the organization for permission to use Energy and Conservation Sustainability info from its website since she did not hear back from them.

Ideas for Promotional Items and Events

The Committee discussed several different events and promotional items to have at the events. Jeff Gibbons suggested that if the Walking/Bike Trail Initiative is underway then water bottles and other items for bikes would be a good idea to hand out.

The Committee also discussed Earth Day Events for 2013. Stacy Crandell will contact the Mall and find out if they would partner with the EAC again this year. The Committee is looking at April 20, 2013 as the date. Stacy will check with the Mall and get back to the Committee once she receives confirmation of the date. Stacy also noted that people seem to be more interested in demonstrations like the rain gardens. Beth Staab said that she felt the green team and the other student groups did a wonderful job and should be at this year's event. The Committee agreed.

The Committee also discussed some old initiatives they have worked on in the past including bat houses, drain signs, and recycling bins in the park. The Committee asked about the bat houses and what condition they are in. Beth Staab explained that there is a big problem with bats dying from a condition called "white-nose syndrome" which is wiping out the population. Beth noted that the bat houses can be helpful to combat this problem. Stacy Crandell will check with Public Works and see if the houses need to be replaced. Beth said that replacing the bat houses could be something that the boy scouts or the green teams could help out with.

The Committee asked about the recycling bins in the park. Beth Staab stated that she noticed during the Roger Erb Tournament, the recycling bins were overflowing by the end of the first day. Stacy Crandell will contact the Park Board and Public Works to see what can be done.

Next Meeting

The next EAC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7PM.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:33pm. **The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00pm.**